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15 October 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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Morning Meeting of 15 October 1965

DDCI was in the chair. DCI was out of the city, attending The Business Council in Hot Springs.

R. J. Smith tabled two memoranda which are in process of being disseminated. One deals with Indonesian Army loyalties, the other with the outlook for world-wide demonstrations against U. S. policy in Vietnam.

DD/S reported that the Offices of Training and Personnel have come up with new procedures designed to cut back the number of prospective Career Trainees whose services we have been losing because of the length of time involved in getting them cleared for duty. It is now intended to give the candidates advance commitment, in writing, that they can count on being hired subject to full security clearance. DDCI commended the new procedures and said he was in full agreement with the need for them.

Houston noted various plans for Agency briefings of Congressional groups next week. DCI will meet with the Stennis Preparedness Subcommittee at 10:00 a.m., 18 October, to discuss the Communist military threat to the U. S; there will be a meeting with Representative Mahon on 20 October; breakfast with Senator Morse on 20 October; a meeting with Representative Zablocki on 19 October, and perhaps with Senator Brewster on 18 October. Members of the House Immigration Subcommittee, some of whom are going to Europe and others to the Far East, will be given some background briefings.

Bross reported that Gordon Gray will be going to Warsaw and Prague on a business trip unrelated to PFIAB matters. Bross will work out with [] and Security arrangements to provide a waiver and defensive briefings for Gray prior to his departure.

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There was a discussion of word that [] is planning an article on Soviet space failures, including statements that Soviet astronauts have perished in space. It was agreed that DD/S&T will inform Seamans at NASA of [] intention.

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[] the DCI, by history, has assured Congress that there will be adequate safeguards to advise of any cheating against the nuclear test ban treaty. (See Action 2)

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DD/S&T reported that the NEFA weather is likely to be good tomorrow. DDCI advised that the State Department is unlikely to approve a U-2 flight over NEFA at this time.

DD/S&T alerted that U-2 missions along the China coast, looking for ChiCom submarines, are planned for tonight.

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DDCI noted that Clark Clifford and Coyne would be here this afternoon for briefings prior to their trip to Vietnam.

DDCI informed the group that [] has been appointed by the DCI, and certified to the DOD, as the Agency officer responsible for NRO matters and overhead reconnaissance.

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ACTIONS:

1. Briefing material for the meeting with Representative Mahon on 20 October is to include significant information from the recent successful OXCART activity. (DD/S&T and OGC)

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3. There was a discussion of a PFIAB request to study the proposition that intelligence can or cannot be relied upon to guarantee against any cheating following any disarmament agreement. DDCI's guidance was that we cannot take the position that intelligence can provide such a guarantee. It was also agreed that AD/SI will be the action officer for doing an Agency paper on this proposition. AD/SI will require support and input from all components of the Agency.

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